

# Lizu language

**Lizu** (Chinese: 傈苏, 里汝, 吕苏; Western Ersu) is a Qiangic language spoken in western Sichuan, China. There are 4,000 speakers according to Sun (1982), and 7,000 speakers according to Chirkova (2008). Muli, where Lizu is spoken, is a multi-ethnic and multi-lingual county, and Lizu has been historically influenced by Mandarin Chinese.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Varieties

Yu (2009: 2) lists the following varieties of Lizu:

- **Mianning Lizu**: spoken in Lagusa 拉姑萨 Village (Lizu name `wontʂ<sup>h</sup> ɿ ˈlombɑ), He'ai ("Honai") 和爱 Township, Mianning 冕宁 County, Liangshan 凉山 Prefecture. Documented by Yu (2012).
- **Kala Lizu**: spoken in Kala 卡拉Township, Muli 木里County, Liangshan Prefecture. Documented by Chirkova (2008); Huáng and Rénzēng (1991); and Dài and Huáng (1992).
- **Naiqu Lizu**: spoken in Naiqu 乃渠Village, Naiqu Township, Jiulong 九龙County, Garzê (Gānzī 甘孜) Prefecture. Documented by Ikeda (2009).

Lizu	
<b>Native to</b>	China
<b>Native speakers</b>	7,000 (2008) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Qiangic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ersuic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Lizu</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
<b>Writing system</b>	Ersu Shaba script
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	included in ers (https://www.ethnologue.com/language/ers)
<b>Glottolog</b>	lizu1234 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/lizu1234) <sup>[2]</sup>

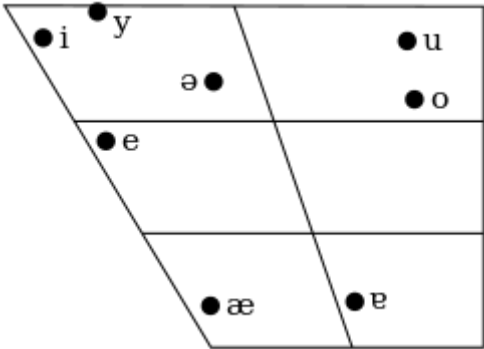
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